

Remarks

As will be discussed below, considering that these amendments clearly place the application in condition for allowance and do not raise any new issues that would require new searching or consideration by the Examiner, entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested.

Status of All of the Claims

Below is the status of the claims in this application.

1. Claim(s) pending: 1-9, 11-17, and 26-28.
2. Claim(s) canceled: 10 and 18-25.
3. Claim(s) added: None.
4. Claims withdrawn from consideration but not canceled: None.

Allowed Claims

Initially, the Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for allowing claims 1-9, 11-17 and 26-28 on page 3 of the Office Action. Although the Office Action identified claim 10 as being allowed as well, it has been assumed that this was a mere typographical error, because claim 10 was previously canceled. In the present response, claims 18-25 have been canceled. Considering only allowed claims are currently pending in the application, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

It should be understood that the above remarks are not intended to provide an exhaustive basis for patentability or concede the basis for the rejections in the Office Action, but are simply provided to overcome the rejections made in the Office Action in the most expedient fashion.

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In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and the Examiner is requested to pass the case to issue. If the Examiner should have any comments or suggestions to help speed the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned representative by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

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